

REMARKS

The specification has been amended in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78 to make reference to the International Application from which this application originates and to incorporate by reference the Japanese priority applications. The specification has also been amended to conform to U.S. practice. A mark up copy and a clean copy of the substitute specification are provided. No new matter has been added.


Claims have been amended to correct informalities, and to eliminate multiple dependencies. The amendment is made to reduce filing fees and not for any other reason related to patentability of such claims. Claim 1 is pending in the application as amended under Article 34 on December 28, 2005. The claim has also been amended to conform to U.S. practice. Claim 11 is pending in the application as amended under Article 34 on June 2, 2006. The claim has also been amended to correct informalities. Claim 20 has been added to restore the subject matter that was removed as a result of the amendment, and to further claim what the applicants regard as the invention. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The abstract has been amended to conform to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

The claim fee was calculated based on the amended claims above. Please examine the application in view of the amendments set forth above.

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